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Minutes of the Ovingham Parish Council Meeting

Held on 17th November 2022

The Pavillion, Ovingham Playing Field, Ovingham

Attendance	
Representatives	Councillors: Doreen Jordon (Chair), Neville Gray (Vice Chair), Irene Swinburn, Jonathan Neal, Joanna Jackson, Tony Ford
Officers	Paul Smith (Clerk & Notetaker)
Public	0 Members of the public were in attendance.

Welcome & Questions from members of the Public

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

There were no members of the Public in attendance.

County Councillors Report:

County Councillor Waddell reported that Northumberland County Council have appointed a new Chief Executive named Helen Patterson. Now that she is in place, other appointments can be made. Everything is on track with regards to the LAC and services are now moving into the Winter stage.

Cllr Ford raised that there is nowhere to recycle glass in Ovingham. Cllr Jordon explained that this had been discussed at various points in recent times and a suitable location could not be agreed upon. Alternative glass recycling points are available at Wylam and Prudhoe.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Downing

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2022

The minutes were signed by the Chair as a true and correct record.

4 Matters Arising

Update on Information / Story Board

We are still waiting for the 'mock up' to be submitted for approval.

Dog Notices

It was agreed that 4 Notices should now be ordered and put in place.

Action Cllr Jackson

Waste Bins

The Clerk has emailed Geoff Cairns to place the order and we await a date for the installation of the bin.

Climate Change - Update

Cllr Gray reported that the combined Ovingham and Ovington Climate Change Group held the Open Evening at Ovingham Middle School on the 9th November 2022.

There was good representation by various organisations but only a small number of people attended from the Public. Nonetheless, the event proved useful as a networking event.

Village Appraisal - Update

Cllr Jackson has fed back the ideas raised at the Community Open Evening to the Reading Room committee. One of the items on the Village Action Plan was to investigate activities for youngsters, it was good to know a keep fit group for youngsters was now running and other activities were planned.

Speeding

Cllr Gray reported that he had contacted Neil Snowden of NCC and asked for advice on what OPC can **practically** do, to help reduce speeding through the Village. It was agreed that OPC were keen to explore all options ASAP, as this is an important matter. We await the advice from NCC.

Action Cllr Gray

Road Markings

There are 3 areas where it is proposed to install double yellow lines, these are:

1. A double yellow line minimum extension at the junction of Nunnykirk Close /Horsley Road to facilitate improved line of sight for drivers exiting Nunnykirk Close. This is a safety matter.
2. Placement of double yellow lines at the junction of Horsley Road which will ensure access to number 1, Horsley Road and prevent parking on the pavement in this area.
3. 1 car length extension of double yellow line opposite Brewery Farmhouse, this is a safety issue. It will mean one parking space less.

The objections from a small number of residents were discussed and it was agreed that the majority of the comments seemed to stem from a misunderstanding about the extent of the works. After further discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council's view is that the double yellow lines should be installed. Cllr Jordon agreed to contact NCC to advise them of this decision and add that OPC suggest that the double yellow lines on the South side at entrance to Nunnykirk / Horsley Road are reduced.

Action Cllr Jordon

Bathing Water Status

It was noted that OPC had written to confirm it did not support the application to secure Bathing Water Status near Ovingham, as this included encouraging people to swim in the Tyne, which has tragically proved to be dangerous.

5 Accounts to pay/paid since previous meeting - The following were all agreed:

- P Smith - Clerk Net Salary October 22 - £299.48 (Paid via Cheque)
- T Bell - Grass Cutting footpaths riverside & Church Dene - £190.00 (Paid via Cheque)
- T Bell - Grass August & Sept - £340.00 (Paid via Cheque)

6 Budget

The Clerk gave brief details of the Parish Council Budget position.

7 Draft Precept

It was provisionally agreed to keep the Precept for 23/24 at £15,300 pa, however the return to NCC would not be submitted until after the January 2023 meeting until we have further details from NCC re- budget.

8 Planning Applications

Cllr Gray advised that there is a meeting arranged with Northumbria Water which Cllr Jordon and he will attend to discuss their proposed works at the Pumping Station

Cllr Gray also reviewed the following application and stated he didn't envisage any major issues, no objections to the application were agreed by the Parish Council.

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission 21/04006/FUL to allow an increase in floor space and aesthetics **Location 11 Piper Road Ovingham Northumberland NE42 6AX**

9 Village Environment and Action Plan Update

Cllr Jordon reported the following:

- She had requested that the NCC road sweeper come to the Village and they attended straight away, which was very welcome.
- The annual Zip Wire Inspection has been organised - Cllr Gray to meet with Contractor.
- If Councillors notice blocked gulleys or pot holes that need repairing (or residents mention these issues to them) they can either report these direct to NCC or via the Clerk.
- Red Telephone Box - a resident had kindly donated £200 to have it repainted. However, the painting and other repairs is now being taken forward by BT. The resident is happy for the donation to be used on an alternative project (to improve the Village).
- As part of the Phase 2 Surface Water Scheme a new inlet structure and trash screen are to be installed in Cooks Field, work is planned to commence on 9th January 2023.
- The 'topping' of the long grass on the Playing Field, pruning of large willow structure and overhanging branches on the trees along the north bank will be carried out shortly.

10 Committee Reports

Reading Room

The new sound system is in place and works very well. The first Film Club night went ahead. A Christmas concert is planned.

Essity

Nothing to report.

Ovingham Joint Burial Committee

There has been an increase in dog fouling in the Cemetery grounds. Some refurbishment of the Lodge is to take place (repointing of outside walls, new loft hatch, room thermostat) The budget for the Burial Committee will be finalised in January.

East Tynedale Community Forum

Nothing to report

Orchard Group

Nothing to report.

Allotments Association

The request for OPC to contribute towards new equipment was discussed (see item 13)

Playing Fields

Cllr Ford reported that there is a mole problem at the Playing Fields, which he is attending to.

There was still no agreement regarding how the proposed OPFA Group should proceed.

Parish Council are waiting for further information from NALC re - the constitution.

Cllr Ford agreed to try to discuss further with the proposed OPFA Group

Action Cllr Ford and Jordon

11 Correspondence

No significant correspondence has been received since the previous meeting.

12 Tenders for the Playing Fields and Parish Council

The draft tender documents were discussed and various alterations agreed. The Clerk agreed to alter the documents and circulate the revised documents.

Action The Clerk

13 Grants

The Grant applications were discussed and the following were agreed:

- Allotment Association - contribution towards hedge trimmer and pole - £400
- Allotment Association - contribution towards a new boundary hedge - £0 - only one grant per organisation per year is allowed
- Ovingham Middle School - purchase of equipment to assist with Eco project - £100
- Tynedale Hospice - £100
- Ovingham and District Choir - £100

The Clerk agreed to make the above payments.

Action - The Clerk

14. Any other business as considered urgent by the Chair

None

15 To confirm the date of the next meeting as 19th January 2023

Agreed.

Chair

Signature